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and the Mexican National Lines will begin at once the construction of disinfecting rooms at their respective stations. My work has been and will be greatly hampered by the short business hours and slow methods which prevail in Mexico. Dr. Turpin having arrived, I will proceed to-morrow to San Luis Potosi, Tampico, and Monterey and inspect and report on those places, and install the inspectors. By the time I return to Mexico the slips and baggage labels will be ready and our identification system will be ready to be placed in operation.

Respectfully, yours,

L. E. COFER,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report of yellow fever in Cordoba.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *June 26, 1899.*

SIR: According to your instructions of June 13, I visited Cordoba and have the honor to make the following report:

There are at present 5 cases of yellow fever in the town, 3 cases being confined in the pesthouse, and 2 among the inhabitants. The authorities seem to have the epidemic under control in the city, but, as some cases have appeared in the suburbs and adjacent villages, I think that the city will be in constant danger of an outbreak of the fever at any time. About 4 miles from Cordoba are the quarries of Pearson & Son, contractors for the harbor improvements of Vera Cruz, and constant communication is kept up between Vera Cruz and the quarries, and the quarries and Cordoba. The sanitary condition of the town is bad. There are no quarantine restrictions against Vera Cruz or other infected localities. From a quarantine standpoint, I consider all points this side of the City of Mexico suspicious, both on the Mexican and interoceanic railroads. A full report of Cordoba I will forward to-morrow. The fever here has assumed a milder form, though the mortality has increased greatly over that of last week. The shipping continues free from infection.

Respectfully, yours,

SAML. H. HODGSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Yellow fever on bark in harbor of Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *July 1, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the Spanish bark *Dolores Romano* has had an outbreak of yellow fever aboard. Thursday evening a physician reported 4 cases on board, and yesterday, when the quarantine officer visited her, he found 3 more cases. The sick were removed to the hospital San Sebastian, and the vessel with the remainder of the crew was moved out to the far side of the harbor and was disinfected and fumigated. The crew originally consisted of 14; 7 are in the hospital and 5 are aboard the ship, 2 having deserted before the outbreak of fever. The ship came from Hamburg with a load of tiles, and has been here about two weeks. Sulphur was used for fumigating, and the cabin and forecabin were washed with a bichloride solution. The bilge, scuppers, and closets were washed with a 5 per cent solution of sulphate of copper. The vessel is now lying directly to the windward of the

shipping, and I have asked the authorities to have her moved over under the quarantine island, which is sufficiently far for safety.

Respectfully, yours,

SAML. H. HODGSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

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Sanitary report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *June 29, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the fever situation here remains about the same. The weather has been hot and dry, having had no rain for ten days. The outgoing and incoming travel has been very small for the past two weeks, both by sea and railroad. The shipping continues free from infection. The mortality for the week ended June 29 from yellow fever is as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
June 23	14	6
June 24	17	8
June 25	12	6
June 26	9	7
June 27	8	3
June 28	7	1
June 29	12	4
Total	79	35

Total mortality from all causes for the week is 78.

For the month of June excepting the 30th, there have been 465 cases and 186 deaths from yellow fever. Since January 1, there have been 823 cases and 381 deaths from the fever.

Respectfully, yours,

SAML. H. HODGSON,

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The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

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STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Plague at Penang.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,

Singapore, May 26, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that having been informed to-day by the colonial secretary that 3 fatal cases of plague are reported to have occurred at Penang, I have sent you the telegram which the inclosed copy confirms and telegraphed to the same effect to General Otis, at Manila.

Respectfully, yours,

E. SPENCER PRATT,

U. S. Consul General.

The honorable the ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

FOREIGN STATISTICAL REPORTS.

ARGENTINA—*Buenos Ayres.*—Month of April, 1899. Estimated population, 800,000. Total number of deaths, 909, including yellow fever, 4; smallpox, 1; typhus, 14; scarlet fever, 5; diphtheria, 19, and 1 from measles.